SENATE CHAMBER, Austin, Texas, May 10, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Senator Parsons in the chair presiding.

Roll call.

On suggestion of Senator Priest, Senator Flanagan was excused. Minutes of yesterday read.

Senator Parsons moved correction of minutes so as to show the ruling of the Chair upon the question of reference to the Militia Committee of the resolution referred to, to have been a division of the resolution, and reference of only a part thereof to the committee.

Minutes approved.

Senator Bowers introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Austin City Ice Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Priest introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to exempt certain property therein named from forced sale."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Priest introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act better defining the marital rights of parties."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Gaines introduced a bill entitled "An act authorizing the Police Court of Washington county to levy a special tax for the support of the lunatics in said county."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Pyle introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Kaufman County Bridge Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal part of an act entitled an act to levy taxes, approved November 6, 1866."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Baker introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to further the agricultural development of the State of Texas."

Read first time.

Referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs. Senator Ruby offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That one hundred copies each of the bills now before the Committee on Public Lands, relative to the Geological Survey of the State, be printed for the use of members of this Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Hertzberg presented the report of the Committee on Militia, recommending the passage of Senate bill No. 33, entitled an act to provide for the enrollment of the militia, etc.

Laid over under the rules.

Senator Priest offered the following:

Resolved, That all general bills reported favorably by committees shall be printed one hundred copies each for the use of the Senate. Bills of special character to be printed when ordered by the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Alford offered a resolution to allow a member of the Senate to have his vote, when in executive session, recorded by the Se retary.

Referred to Committee on Rules.

Senator Ruby presented the following:

To the Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills having carefully examined and compared concurrent resolution amending schedule of distances, by which the Comptroller is to be governed in auditing the payment of mileage accounts of members of the 12th Legislature, and an act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of the officers and employes of the 12th Legislature of the State of Texas, find the same to be correctly engrossed.

Respectfully,

G. T. RUBY, P. W. HALL, E. L. DOHONEY, Committee.

Communication from the House from the hands of the chief clerk. Concurrent resolution in regard to the distances of members, and how the same shall be computed, laid over under the rules.

Senator Douglas offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to procure from the Secretary of State one copy of Oldham & White's Digest of the Laws of Texas, and one copy of the general and special laws of the Legislature of 1866, and one copy of the ordinances of the Constitutional Convention of 1868, for the use of each member of the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Latimer offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on Mrs. Dr. Mary Walker and extend to her the use of the Senate chamber for lecturing purposes, at any time when the Senate is not in session.

Adopted.

Chair appointed on committee Senators Latimer, Priest and Clark.

The hour having arrived, the Senate, after a recess of five minutes, went into executive session.

In Senate—Senator Bowers moved that the Senate adjourn till to-morrow at 11:45 A. M.

Adjourned.